

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes, the broadcast flag will interfere. I will be forced to buy new equipment that will probably not work. Those who want to steal DTV content will be able to work around the broadcast flag with little difficulty. The average person will be stuck with the economic burden of something that simply will not accomplish its purpose.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes. The broadcast flag system simply will not work.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes. I would be unable to record using older equipment, and any new equipment probably would not work with my current equipment.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes. The broadcast flag is a regulation-driven technology and it will inevitably hamstring all new equipment. But it would not prevent those who really want to steal DTV.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

I would be forced to buy all new equipment. This would cost somewhere between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Other Comments:

Things like the broadcast flag simply do not work. There will be many ways to circumvent it. The average person will perceive it as an unnecessary and unwarranted intrusion by the government.